

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2018-2-E ORDER NO. 2018-43-H

APRIL 5, 2018

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request for Substitution of Sponsor Counsel for Attorney appearing Pro Hac Vice at the Commission Hearing

STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

Counsel J. Blanding Holman IV, who represents the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy in this Docket notes that Katie Ottenweller, Esquire has been admitted Pro Hac Vice by the Commission to practice before the Commission at the hearing in the above-described docket beginning on April 10, 2018, pursuant to Rule 404 SCACR. Mr. Holman was the moving South Carolina Attorney of Record for this Pro Hac Vice admission. Rule 404 (i) notes that the South Carolina Attorney of Record shall, among other things, attend all proceedings in the given matter, unless the tribunal specifically excuses him or her from attendance.

Mr. Holman has filed a request to be excused from the hearing beginning on April 10, 2018, noting that he is required to attend a retreat sponsored by his employer. Mr. Holman has requested that Scott Elliott, Esquire, who is representing the South Carolina Energy Users Committee at the hearing, be allowed to sponsor Ms. Ottenweller at the hearing. Mr. Elliott has agreed to do so. Mr. Elliott would then sponsor and mentor Ms. Ottenweller, unless such activities specifically come into conflict with his duties as attorney for the South Carolina Energy Users Committee. Mr. Elliott is an experienced South Carolina attorney and would make an excellent sponsor and mentor for Ms. Ottenweller. Accordingly, Mr. Holman may be excused from the hearing, and Mr. Elliott will be allowed to substitute for Mr. Holman at this hearing as South Carolina Attorney of Record in sponsoring Ms. Ottenweller's practice Pro Hac Vice before the Commission in this case.